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AUG 19 2005

Melanie Sloan  
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington  
11 Dupont Circle, N.W., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20036

RE: MUR 5489

Dear Ms. Sloan:

On March 9, 2005 the Federal Election Commission notified you that there is no reason to believe Citizen Works, Nader for President 2004 and Carl M. Mayer, in his official capacity as treasurer, or Theresa Amato violated the Act as alleged in the original complaint in MUR 5475 and closed the file with respect to MUR 5475. On the same date, the Commission also notified you that it severed the allegations and respondents in your amended complaint and added these allegations and respondents to MUR 5489.

On June 23, 2005, the Commission reviewed these allegations and found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint, and information provided by the respondents, there is no reason to believe Citizens for a Sound Economy, Inc. n/k/a Freedom Works, Inc. violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. The Commission also found that there is no reason to believe Russ Walker, Nader for President 2004 and Carl M. Mayer, in his official capacity as treasurer, Bush-Cheney '04 and David Herndon, in his official capacity as treasurer, Steve Schmidt, Oregon Republican Party and Charles Oakes, in his official capacity as treasurer, and Kevin Mannix violated the Act with respect to this matter. In addition, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion and took no action against the Oregon Family Council for any potential violation of 2 U.S.C § 441b, and took no action and closed the file with respect to Tim Nashif and Michael White. Accordingly, on June 23, 2005, the Commission closed the file in MUR 5489.

Documents related to MUR 5489 will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files,

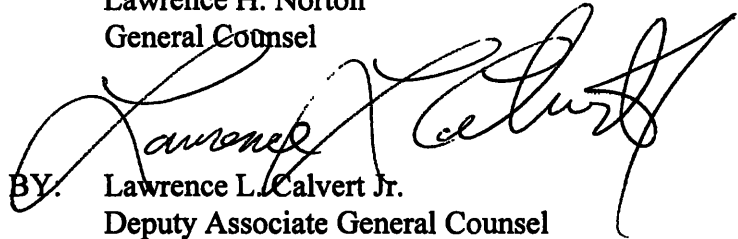
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68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

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General Counsel's Report

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